SENATE BILL 3697

By Roller

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56; Title 68 and Title 71, relative to long-term care.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section to be appropriately designated:

71-5-150. On or before January 15, 2009, the commissioner of finance and administration is directed to report to the general assembly on the desirability and feasibility of an amendment to the state plan for medical assistance to implement a qualified state long-term care insurance partnership as permitted by the Deficit Reduction Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 2005, P.L. 109-171, as a means to enhance the use of home and community based care as an alternative to nursing home care. SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring

it.